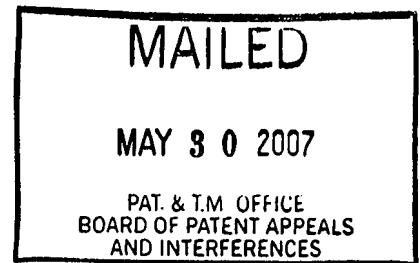


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCE

Ex parte WILLIAM JOSEPH EAKIN

Application 10/685,366



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences (BPAI) on February 9, 2007. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the Examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below.

A Supplemental Reply Brief was filed on March 5, 2007, in response to the Examiner's Answer mailed January 5, 2007. There is no indication in the record that the Supplemental Reply Brief has been acknowledged or considered.

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Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the application is returned to the Examiner:

- 1) for consideration of the Reply Brief filed on March 7, 2007; and
- 2) for such further action as may be deemed appropriate.

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